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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT MESSAGES  
RELATING TO CUBAN SITUATION

PERIOD 220701 - 230700 OCTOBER 1962

1. 5TH MEB

a. CG, FMFPAC DIRECTS CG, 5TH MEB TO REPORT READY-FOR-SAILING TIME TO CMC AND FMFPAC.

*The next land not available before*  
230033Z (S)

b. CINCPACFLT DIRECTS THAT COMPHIBPAC EMBARK 5TH MEB IN DESIGNATED SHIPPING ASAP.

SAIL WHEN DIRECTED AND CHOP TO CINCLANT UPON TRANSITTING PANAMA CANAL

222148Z (TS)

c. CINCLANT ADVISES JCS THAT IT IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE 5TH MEB BE RECONSTITUTED TO ITS ORIGINAL TASK ORGANIZATION.

222140Z (TS)

d. CMC HAS ADVISED JCS THAT PERIODIC REPORTS RELATIVE TO DEPLOYMENTS AND MOVEMENTS OF MARINE OPERATING FORCES WILL BE SUBMITTED BY APPROPRIATE OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CINCPAC BE DIRECTED TO REPORT 5TH MEB MOVEMENTS, IF DEPLOYED, UNTIL CINCLANT ASSUMES OPCON.

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MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS WILL REPORT ITEMS OF  
SIGNIFICANT INTEREST NOT COVERED ABOVE.

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e. JCS DIRECTED CINCPAC TO LOAD 5TH MEB ASAP AND CHOP  
FORCES INVOLVED TO TEMPORARY OPCON CINCLANT.

221805Z (TS)

f. CG, FMFLANT REQUESTED THE 5TH MEB BE RECONSTITUTED  
TO ITS ORIGINAL TASK ORGANIZATION.

201925Z (TS)

g. CNO RELEASES NAVY STORM MATERIAL REQUESTED BY CMC  
TO EQUIP 5TH MEB.

CMC 222109Z (C)

CNO 222119Z (C)

2. GTMO

a. COMNAVBASE GTMO REPORTS CUBAN EMPLOYEES REGISTERED  
CALM REACTION TO DEPENDENTS EVACUATION. NO PROBLEMS ARE  
ANTICIPATED.

IT IS INTENDED TO CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT OF CUBAN BASE  
RESIDENTS AND COMMUTING CUBANS AS LONG AS PRACTICABLE.

222149Z (C)

b. LAST SHIP, WITH GTMO DEPENDENTS AND NON-COMBATANTS  
EMBARKED, WAS UNDERWAY AT 1730 EDT 22 OCT. OF THE APPROXIMATELY

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2800 EVACUEES, 378 WERE EVACUATED BY 5 GV-1 AND 1 R4Q AIRCRAFT. A COMBINATION OF MSTs AND PHIBRON 8 SHIPPING WAS USED FOR THE SURFACE LIFT. THE EVACUATING OPERATION WENT SMOOTH.

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222131Z (S)

3. 3D LAAM BN

a. CINCPACFLT REPORTS 3D LAAM BN WILL BE READY TO EMBARK FIRST ELEMENTS AT 222100 EDT.

230244Z (TS)

b. CG, FMFLANT REQUESTS SHIPMENT OF 36 HAWK MISSILES FROM NAS, CHARLESTON TO CG, 2D MAW.

230240Z (S)

4. KEY WEST

a. CG, 2D MAW HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO DEPLOY MAG-14 TO NAS, KEY WEST. DIRECT LIAISON WAS AUTHORIZED WITH COMATS. THIS MOVE WILL TAKE PRIORITY AFTER THE MOVEMENT OF BLT 2/1 AND AMMO AND RATIONS. MAG MOVEMENT WILL COMMENCE 22 OCTOBER AND CLOSE KEY WEST 240300Z.

220437Z (TS)

b. CG, FMFLANT REQUESTED THE MAXIMUM AVAILABLE PACOM CONUS BASED GV-1 AIRCRAFT REPORT TO 2D MAW TO ASSIST IN FMFLANT AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT.

221550Z (C)

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 c. M2 MOREST COMPLETE WITH MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT  
 DEPARTED ANDREWS AFB BY COMMERCIAL TRUCK CONVOY AT 1800 EDT  
 22 OCT ENROUTE TO KEY WEST.

230048Z (S)

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 d. BUWEPS REQUESTED HEADQUARTERS U. S. AIR FORCE TO  
 IMMEDIATELY DIVERT AND DELIVER 2 COMPLETE BAK-9 ARRESTING GEAR  
 SYSTEMS TO NAS, KEY WEST. THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ACTION IS  
 REQUESTED TO REPLACE THE UNDER CAPACITY M2 MOREST NOW BEING  
 PROVIDED AS A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT.

212254Z (C)

e. MATS, SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS IN A MESSAGE TO EASTAF, MC  
 GUIRE, AFB, NEW JERSEY INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. EASTAF WILL CONDUCT AIRLIFT FROM CHERRY POINT  
 TO KEY WEST.
2. AIRLIFT 747 TONS AND 875 PAX.
3. USE 6 C-135, 7 C-133 AND 18 C-124 AIRCRAFT  
 RECYCLING AS NECESSARY.
4. CLOSURE TIME IS 231900Z.

221810Z (TS)

f. CINCNORAD ADVISED THAT 6/65 ARTILLERY BATTALION (HAWK)  
 WILL DEPART FT. MEADE, MD. AT 240200Z AND ARRIVE KEY WEST AT 252300Z.

220740Z (TS)

g. CINCLANT REQUESTS JCS APPROVE A MAXIMUM OF 8 MARPAC  
 CONUS-BASED GV-1 A/C ASAP TO ASSIST FMFLANT AS REQUIRED IN MOVE-  
 MENT OF 3D LAAM BN TO CHERRY POINT AND MAG-14 TO KEY WEST. AIRCRAF

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TO BE RELEASED TO PAC WHEN THE TWO MISSIONS ARE COMPLETED.

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221842Z (S)

5. MISCELLANEOUS

a. CG, FMFLANT REPORTS TO CINCLANTFLT THE URGENT NEED FOR FOLLOWING BEACH INTELLIGENCE FOR TARARA AREA:

1. NEW PERISCOPE PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEACH PROFILE
2. VERTICAL BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY (1:5,000) TO DETERMINE BEACH GRADIENT AND UNDERWATER OBSTACLES.
3. CURRENT UDT RECON TO DETERMINE PRESANCE OF UNDERWATER OBSTACLES, MINES, BEACH GRADIENT DATA.
4. LATEST PHOTOGRAPHY (1:5,000) VERTICAL AND OBLIQUE

221425Z (TS)

b. CMC SET DEFCON 3 FOR SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES AS OF 230057Z.

230057Z (C)

c. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CMC DTG 230057Z THE 6TH, 8TH, 9TH AND 12TH MCRRD HAD SET DEFCON 3 BY 230645Z.

TELECON 230CT

d. CINCLANT ADVISES THAT LPHS OKINAWA AND THETIS BAY HAVE BEEN DETACHED FROM COMPHIBGRU-4 AND ARE PROCEEDING TO A POSITION IN WINDWARD PASSAGE. ETA 230600Z.

220740Z (TS)

e. JCS ADVISES CINCLANT THAT HE IS AUTHORIZED TO

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EXPEND \$20,000 FOR PURCHASE OF REPRESENTATIVE U. S. MAGAZINES AND HARD ITEMS SUCH AS FOUNTAIN PENS, CIGARETTE LIGHTERS, ETC. TO BE GIVEN TO CREW MEMBERS OF RUSSIAN SHIPS BOARDED.

THIS IS ACTION DESIGNED FOR FACE TO FACE INFLUENCE UPON SOVIET MERCHANT SAILERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE NEVER SEEN AN AMERICAN

222126Z (TS)

f. CG, 1ST MARDIV ADVISED CMC OF A REQUIREMENT FOR FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS ASAP FROM THE ESTABLISHED POOL. CMC PASSED ACTION TO CG, 3D MAW.

1ST MARDIV 222120Z (TS)

CMC 230625Z (TS)

g. JCS HAS SUBMITTED GUIDANCE (RULES OF ENGAGEMENT) UPON WHICH PLANS FOR THE CUBAN BLOCKADE WILL BE BASED.

221111Z (TS)

h. JCS AUTHORIZED CINCLANT TO MOVE UNITS TO OPALOCKA AIRFIELD, FLORIDA UPON COMPLETION OF SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WITH DADE COUNTY OFFICIALS.

221743Z (TS)

i. CINCPAC REPORTS TO JCS THAT AS OF THIS TIME NO CRITICAL LIMITATION EXISTS IN PACOM READINESS TO CONDUCT GENERAL WAR OPERATIONS PROVIDED TIMELY AUTHORIZATION IS GIVEN TO BRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN.

220958Z (TS)

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j. JCS HAS DIRECTED CINCSAC TO IMPLEMENT 1/8TH AIRBORNE ALERT AS OF 22 OCT. TO BE IN FULL EFFECT BY AFTERNOON TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER.

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221840Z (TS)

k. JCS DIRECTS CINCONAD TO IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR DISPERSAL OF CONUS INTERCEPTOR FORCES ON A VERY QUIET BASIS.

221630Z (TS)

l. JCS DIRECTS THAT THE RAIL LOADING FOR MOVEMENT OF TF CHARLIE, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION BE INITIATED WITHOUT DELAY. THE UNIT WILL MOVE FROM FT. HOOD, TEXAS TO EITHER FORT STEWARD OR GULF PORTS.

221833Z (TS)

m. JCS ORDERED IMPLEMENTATION OF MINIMIZE WORLD WIDE AS OF 222300Z.

222300Z (TS)

n. CG, FORTRPS FMFPAC REQUESTED CMC GRANT AUTHORITY FOR THREE CIVILIAN CONTRACT ENGINEERS TO ACCOMPANY 3D LAAM BN ON ITS DEPLOYMENT.

221624Z (TS)

o. JCS DECLARED DEFCON 3 WORLDWIDE EFFECTIVE 222300Z OCTOBER.

221809Z (TS)

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